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CHINESE COMMUNIST PRESS CHARGES US USES BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS IN KOREA

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.

Since March 1951, Chinese Communists newspapers have published articles stating that the US is not only making extensive preparations to use bacteriological warfare but that it has already used bacteria in the Korean conflict against the Chinese People's Volunteers. The following charges have been made:

On 8 May 1951, in a note to the chairman of the UN Security Council, Pak Hon-yong, the North Korean Foreign Minister, vehemently protested against the US's use of smallpox bacteria as a weapon, calling it a heinous crime. The note stated that documentary evidence originating from Syngman Rhee's government proved that prior to the attack on North Korea, US military advisers and the South Koreans had laid plans for such activities. Medical specialists are reported to have established the fact that when the US forces retreated from North Korea in December 1950 smallpox germs were disseminated which resulted in some 3,500 caces.(1)

It is reported that MacArthur ordered 1,500,000 yen' worth of bacteria media from the Allocation Bureau of the Yoshida government to use against the North Korean Army and people. (2) Another source reports that the US's intention to use bacteriological warfare is revealed in a statement made by Louis Johnson, former US Defense Secretary, that 12 million US dollars are being allocated annually for the production of such weapons. The source reports that demands are being made that the US be brought to justice as a "bacteriological war criminal."(3)

According to another source, the general office of the China Red Cross Association filed a protest with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies charging the US with using captured Chinese volunteers in bacteriological warfare experiments.(4) The Tass New Agency reports that MacArthur is condemned by Soviet scientists for making large-scale preparations for bacteriological warfare and that the USSR is discovering methods to combat such warfare. (3)

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